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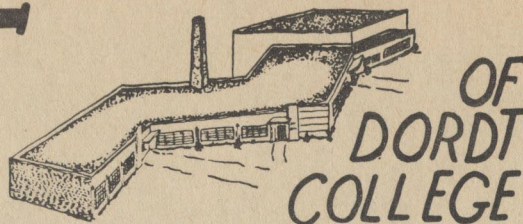
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# VOICE



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## Enrollment Exceeds 600 Students

### Receive \$92,333 Federal Grant On New Phy. Ed. Plant

### \$98,980 Grant on Science Building Received Earlier

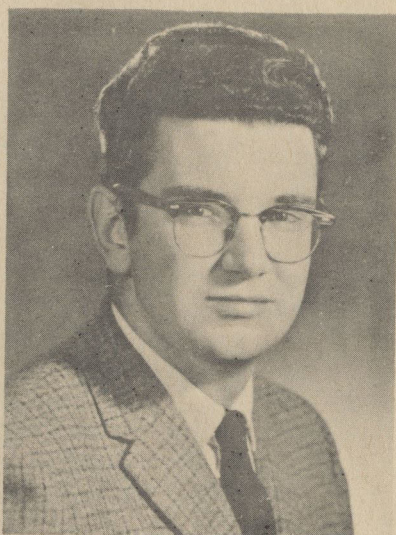
**BOTH BUILDINGS TO BE  
LET IN JANUARY**

Dordt College received official notification that its request for a grant on the proposed new physical education plant has been approved by the State Commission in Des Moines, Iowa. The amount is \$92,333. This is an outright gift. This past March Dordt's request for a grant on the new science building was approved. The amount is \$98,980. In other words, Dordt will obtain \$191,313 in grants toward the \$560,000 needed to erect these buildings. The constituents of the college must contribute approximately \$140,000 toward this amount. The remaining funds are obtained from the Federal Government in a loan at 3% interest, payable over a period of 30 years.

According to the present schedule, there is to be a letting on both buildings late in December or early in January. Building should begin as soon as the frost is out of the ground next spring. When these facilities are ready, Dordt will have a complete campus, qualified to meet the academic needs of a respectable higher educational institution.



### John Van Dyk Joins Staff



John Van Dyk, a new member of the faculty, will teach English, German, and Latin. As soon as possible, he will take over a major role in the classical languages area for which he has been specifically academically prepared.

John Van Dyk was born in the Netherlands. There he attended elementary and secondary schools. He and his family emigrated to Canada. He went to high school for one year; then the family situation forced him to seek employment. He worked first in a bank, later for a large rubber manufacturing plant in Ontario. Finally the way was opened for further study. He enrolled at Calvin, where he completed the work for an A.B. degree in three years. His majors were Greek and philosophy. He received the University of Michigan State College Scholarship, which was withdrawn when he was awarded

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### Freshmen Class of 235

**TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 606  
SIXTY ABOVE LAST YEAR**

#### ENROLLMENT REPORT - 1966-1967

Reports released from the office of the Registrar give the following statistics on enrollment for this year.

	Men	Women	Total
Freshmen	112	123	235
Sophomores	94	81	175
Juniors	61	42	103
Seniors	53	37	90
Special	1	2	3
Total	321	285	606

#### BY STATES AND COUNTRIES

California	29
Colorado	13
Delaware	1
Florida	1
Illinois	18
Indiana	2
Iowa	220
Kansas	4
Massachusetts	2
Michigan	32
Minnesota	90
Montana	15
Nebraska	3
New Jersey	7
New Mexico	2
New York	1
North Dakota	2
Pennsylvania	9
South Dakota	29
Washington	41
Wisconsin	42
Alberta	28
British Columbia	7
Manitoba	3
Ontario	4
Guam	1
Total	606



## CHAPEL ADDRESS

Tuesday, September 20, 1966

By Cecelia Drenth

Cecelia Drenth was elected by the student body last April as President of the Dordt College Student Association. She comes from Redlands, California. She has studied three years at Dordt and is now in her senior year.

You remember Willy Loman, in Arthur Miller's play, Death of a Salesman, the man who never knew who he was?

To ask the question, Who Am I?, is one of the most fundamental questions a man can ask. And if he is able to answer, he may have some purpose in life.

Purpose in life, in living, for some Americans today? I wonder. In Southern California we build homes, buy homes, rent homes. We own furniture, cars and more cars, boats, campers, trailers. We commute, we travel. I happen to live right next to Interstate 10. On Friday afternoons and evenings the cars, trailers, campers, and boats stream by east-bound for the mountains; desert, or Colorado River. They return on Sunday night clogging up the west-bound lanes. They escaped the city and smog for a weekend, but they have to return to their Monday jobs. In Southern California we live so fast - our shopping centers, freeways, universities, beaches, mt. resorts, golf courses, swimming pools - that it is easy enough to suppress any thoughts which might involve self-knowledge and the purpose of living. Just live - 65 m.p.h., 75 m.p.h. - if you can get by with it.

I know, Iowa isn't Southern California and most of the United States and Canada are not Southern California, but maybe you see how people in your native regions live without knowing themselves or the purpose of their existence. Maybe even you don't know yourself!

Those people traveling on Interstate 10, fleeing the city for the weekend, remind me of man, fallen man, fleeing before the face of God, suppressing and repressing self-knowledge and the purpose he was created to fulfil. Cain said: "My punishment is greater than I can bear.

Behold thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth" (Gen. 4:14).

But, in the history of man, in addition to the masses of repressers and escapists, there have been men who have asked themselves the question, Who Am I? - men who have tried to find purpose in life, searchers and builders, but who searched by themselves, and as a result, never found the whole truth, who built by themselves and their houses collapsed in great ruin.

Socrates compared himself with a gadfly that would settle on the people, nip them, and wake them up, because, "the unexamined life is not worth living."

Alexander Pope wrote in his Essay on Man, "Know then thyself, presume not God to scan; The proper study of mankind is man." Yes, don't pry into God, but study yourself.

Philip Wylie in his book, Generation of Vipers, challenges his readers to search for truth and correctly diagnoses the cause of America's sickness as sin and disinterest in finding the truth, but, of course, without Christ as Redeemer and Ruler of men!

There are proponents of the new salvation which hold that man can find himself when he looks life squarely in the eye and lives every minute of it fully.

There are characters like the novelist, Ayn Rand, who recognize the state of decay of contemporary man, who worship the individual and man, the creator.

Yes, some men have had the curiosity, the intellect, the desire to look at themselves. I really don't know who to pity more: the escapist, the man who runs from himself, or the searcher, the man who presupposes that he himself has the ability to look at himself objectively and truthfully. Neither finds himself and both have the same end - eternal damnation.

Can man be a completely neutral and objective observer of himself? "No," says the Bible. Man is not a neutral being, he is a creature. The very attempt of man to look at himself neutrally, not recognizing his position as a creature responsible to his Creator, is an act of blasphemous rebellion.

But since the Fall in Paradise, the Creator-creature relationship having been broken, man has lived in constant rebellion, "... holding down the truth in unrighteousness," making himself God or making his own gods.

Can the unsaved man know himself by his own method of observation and introspection? Or to put it another way, would you accept anything as valid from a person whose mind is blinded, whose heart is insensitive, whose senses are dulled, who has vain imaginations and a foolish heart, who has a reprobate mind, a blinded conscience, a person who resists the truth, who is in bondage to sin and who is in the power of Satan? That's the Biblical description of fallen man. The conclusion - by himself, man cannot know himself.

Then, how can one know himself? To know oneself is to know God! John Calvin wrote in his Institutes: "It is evident that man never attains to a true self-knowledge until he has previously contemplated the face of God, and come down after such contemplation to look into himself. For we always seem to ourselves just, and upright and wise and holy, until we are convinced, by clear evidence, of our injustice, vileness, folly and impurity... So long as we do not look beyond the earth, we are quite pleased with our own righteousness, wisdom, and virtue; we address ourselves in the most flattering terms and seem only less than demigods. But should we once begin to raise our thoughts to God and reflect what kind of Being he is, and how absolute the perfection of that righteousness, and wisdom and virtue, to which, as a standard, we are bound to be conformed, what formerly delighted us by its false show of righteousness, will become polluted with the greatest iniquity; what strangely imposed upon us under the name of wisdom will disgust by its extreme folly; and what presented the appearance of virtuous energy, will be condemned as the most miserable impotence. So far are those qualities in us which seem most perfect, from corresponding to the divine purity."

To know self is possible only through knowledge of God in Jesus Christ. Self-knowledge involves most basically to know that we are creatures



and that we cannot truly be ourselves without being reunited to our Creator.

The more we know God, the more we know ourselves. And to know God demands that the broken Creator-creature relationship be restored. It demands of man that he renounce his assumed deity and dignity and humble himself before the cross of Jesus Christ. Only the Cross can bridge the gap between the Creator and the fallen creature.

When the Creator-creature relationship is restored, then man also finds purpose in life. St. Augustine wrote: "Thou has created us for thyself; our hearts know no rest until they repose in thee." The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

What about you? Do you know yourself? Most of us having been raised in orthodox homes, have little bent for spinning our own so-called religious theories for finding God and self. However, some of us might be attempting to flee before God and His Spirit; some of us might seem to have purpose in life - so busy in study, in teaching, playing, or finding a spouse that we are able to preclude all thoughts concerning ourselves and our relationship to God.

Stop! We did come to Dordt to gain an education. But, if we leave this school without finding God or self, if we never stopped our 75 m. p. h. pace to check to see if we were in the right lane, to check our orientation to God, to see if that Creator-creature relationship was restored to us through faith in Christ Jesus, we are in a bad way, traveling the wrong way down a one-way street at 75 mph.

May God give us the grace this school year to come to a better knowledge of God. I John 2:3-5 say: "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him."

May God give us the grace to come to know ourselves by obeying God's Word. James 1:22-25 say: "But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only deceiving yourselves. For if any be a hearer of the Word and not a

doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgeteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

May God give us the grace to examine ourselves. Psalm 139:23-24 say: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

May God give us the grace by His Word and Spirit to make Christ the center of our lives, to reform our world-and-life-view so that Jesus Christ is the root and center in every matter.

May God have mercy on us who are attempting to escape His wrath by our own means, who are yet without the true knowledge of God and self.

May God open the hearts of us hypocrites - those of us who pretend to live the Christian life, to know God and self. Who think ourselves pretty good, who boast in praise of self - may God break our backs that we may say with Nebuchadnezzar: "I lifted mine eyes to heaven and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored him that liveth forever." (Daniel 4:34)

Yes, it is by the grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ that we may know God and come to know ourselves, fallen sinners reunited to God in Christ, given a purpose for living: **LET ALL THINGS BE DONE TO THE GLORY OF GOD!**

#### Prayer

O God, have mercy on us sinners, restore us to right relationship with Thee for Jesus'sake. And those of us who are fleeing from Thee - stop us in our way and call us to true knowledge of God and knowledge of self. Search us, O God, our hearts discern; Try us, our inmost thoughts to learn; And lead us, if in sin we stray, To choose the everlasting way.

Amen

## Martin Seven Heads Cataloguing In Dordt Library



Mr. Martin Seven, our new library cataloguer, has come to us from Grand Rapids, Michigan. A product of the Christian schools of that city, he received his bachelor's degree from Calvin College at a time when it was a much smaller school than Dordt is at present.

After his junior year at college, Mr. Seven had the distinction of being appointed to the first faculty of Grand Rapids Christian High School, but after teaching there for a year returned to college for his degree. The following year he attended the University of Michigan where he was awarded an A.M. in English. He returned to teach at Grand Rapids Christian, but after serving there about twelve years was compelled to resign because of illness.

Later Mr. Seven spent some time in the study of the Classics at Michigan and thereafter taught for varying lengths of time at Northern Michigan Christian, Belding (Michigan), and Kalamazoo Christian high schools.

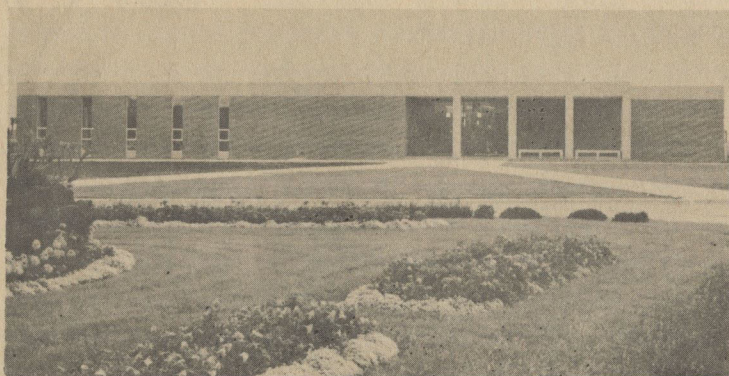
While serving at Kalamazoo he became particularly interested in librarianship and undertook to organize its school library, acting for eight years as teacher-librarian. He took his professional training at Western Michigan University and there received a Certificate in Librarianship.

Mr. Seven was in retirement at his home in Grand Rapids when the op-

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# Dedication Of New Library Held



## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATES IN DEDICATORY ACT

Perhaps one of the most significant events in the history of Dordt College took place Thursday, August 25, when the new library was dedicated. From the academic point of view, it carries considerable importance. It indicates the desire of all who are vitally concerned with Dordt to provide the materials, space and atmosphere most vital for the achievement of high academic standards.

An audience of 500 met in the auditorium for the dedication service. Rev. J. Piersma addressed the audience on the subject, "The Dordt Tradition."

Most impressive was the Act of Dedication, lead by Rev. R. De Ridder, President of the Board of Trustees. We present this below so that the constituents may share in the spirit and content of this beautiful, solemn act:

Minister: Beloved in the Lord, the Lord has richly blessed us. In His kind providence He has made it possible for us to erect this building that it may serve in the instruction of our covenant youth in the ways of God, and through them to advance His Kingdom and promote His glory. We are now met for the purpose of dedicating this library to His service.

(The audience is requested to arise)

Minister: God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father who art in heaven, the God of all wisdom before whom our wisdom is but foolishness,

People: To Thy glory we dedicate

this library.

Minister: Lord Jesus, Son of God, our Prophet, Priest, and King, the Word of God,

People: To Thee we dedicate this library.

Minister: Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier and Comforter, Lord and Giver of life, given to be our abiding Teacher,

People: To Thee we dedicate this library.

Minister: To the glory of God, for the development of knowledge, in fulfillment of our covenant responsibilities to train our children in the fear and wisdom of the Lord,

People: We dedicate this library.

Minister: In order that our youth may see the glories of God, and trace clearly in the light of His Word His handiwork in all that He has made and done,

People: We dedicate this library.

Minister: We, now, the members & People: of this Christian community, gratefully recalling the blessings that have come to us in our heritage, and thankful for the means which have been provided for the erection of this library, dedicate ourselves and this building to the service and glory of God. Amen.

## JOHN VAN DYK JOINS STAFF

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a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, which he accepted.

He continued his studies at the University of Michigan, where he obtained an M.A. in classical studies. He joined a logging company and

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## GIFTS FROM SOCIETIES SINCE JULY, 1966

### Classis Minnesota North

Bejou, Minnesota

Young People's Society ..\$ 10.00

Clara City, Minnesota

Ladies' Aid ..... 10.00

St. Paul, Minnesota

Women's Friendship Society . 20.00

Total 40.00

### Classis Orange City

Sanborn, Iowa

Fellowship Hour ..... 25.00

### Classis Pella

Peoria, Iowa

Persis Ladies' Aid ..... 20.00

Sully, Iowa

Lydia Society..... 10.00

Total 30.00

### Classis Sioux Center

Inwood, Iowa

Ladies' Aid ..... 25.00

Lebanon, Iowa

Ora Et Labora ..... 5.00

Sioux Center, Iowa (Bethel)

Mary's Fellowship ..... 25.00

Total 55.00

### Classis California South

Chino, California

Lydia Circle ..... 50.00

Total For This Period .... \$ 200.00

## MARTIN SEVEN HEADS CATALOGUING IN DORDT LIBRARY

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portunity came to serve on the staff at Dordt College. Prompted by his interest in the work and the hope of being of some service to this growing institution, he has now begun his work in the Dordt library. He states that he enjoys the inspiration provided by the new building and its excellent equipment.

worked for a little while in the forests of British Columbia before going to Ripon, California, where he taught at the Christian High School for three years.

His hobbies include astronomy, herpetology, ornithology and music. As an organist, he played regularly for church services. He is also interested in flying and intends to complete work for a pilot's license.